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Patent Awareness Programmes
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced patent awareness programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the activities undertaken under such programmes, State-wise; and

(c) the total amount spent by the Government on such programmes and the targets achieved in this regard?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b): Awareness programmes on IPRs are conducted on a regular basis by the Government at the national level to create awareness on IPRs, including patents.
These programmes are conducted by various departments of the Government of India in collaboration with industry associations, universities and various other organizations.
Also, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Intellectual Property Management (RGNIIPM), Nagpur conducts various such programmes. In the year 2015-16, it conducted a total of 53 training and awareness programmes in IPRs. This included 20 Awareness programmes for various stakeholders and 33 training programmes on IPRs for 1 to 5 days duration.

After adoption of the National IPR Policy on 12.5.2016, the Government, in association with various industry associations, organized 19 awareness programmes on IPRs, including patents, across various states in the months of June-July, 2016, for which a provision of Rs. 6.6 lakhs has been made.

The details of these 19 programmes are as follows:-
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Sl. No. Date Location
1. 5th June, 2016 Patna, Bihar
2. 16th June, 2016 Jaipur, Rajasthan
3. 17th June, 2016 Guwahati, Assam
4. 18th June, 2016 Hyderabad, Telengana
5. 20th June, 2016 Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
6. 21st June, 2016 Imphal, Manipur
7. 22nd June, 2016 Puducherry
8. 24th June, 2016 Amritsar, Punjab
9. 25th June, 2016 Bhubaneswar, Odisha
10. 28th June, 2016 Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
11. 28th June, 2016 Ludhiana, Punjab
12. 29th June, 2016 Kochi, Kerala
13. 1st July, 2016 Panaji, Goa
14. 2nd July, 2016 Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
15. 5th July, 2016 Surat, Gujarat
16. 6th July, 2016 Haridwar, Uttarakhand
17. 7th July, 2016 Indore, Madhya Pradesh
18. 8th July, 2016 Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
19. 9th July, 2016 Mangalore, Karnataka
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(c): The office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks (CGPDTM) spent Rs. 25.66 lakhs and Rs. 20.01 lakhs on IPR awareness during the years 2015-16 and 2016-17 (to date). Other departments like the Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) and Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) also organize IPR awareness programmes.

DeitY has launched a scheme to provide financial support to academic institutions, industry bodies and DeitY autonomous societies for conducting IPR awareness workshops pan India. During the scheme period, the mandate is to support 100 workshops (70 from academia, 25 from industry organizations and 5 from academia) with an average of 14 workshops from academic, 5 from industry organizations and 1 from DeitY societies or DeitY autonomous bodies to be supported each year. The scheme is for a period of 5 years upto 30.11.2019 with a total outlay of Rs. 240.00 lakhs. Since inception, 30 IPR Awareness Seminars/ Workshops have been supported at a total outlay of Rs. 61.94 lakhs.

A scheme on 'Building Awareness on IPRs' is also run for MSMEs, under which 121 programmes have been conducted in the past 3 years at a cost of Rs. 34.81 lakhs.

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